

Social Service PILOT and Comparative Impact Study Committee  
Conference Room 2 7:30 PM Memorial Building Framingham, Ma

Minutes

December 6, 2005

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Attendance: Yaakov Cohn, Dawn Harkness, Cynthia Laurora., Laurie Lee, Jim Palmer, Wes Ritchie, Nick Sanchez: Steve Orr, John Speranza absent: Bob Berman

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Yaakov Cohn at 7:30 PM.

**Note:** Some members of the committee were in and out of the meeting which explains the discrepancy in the vote numbers

**Minutes**

Nick commented that Dawn Harkness was here earlier and said she doesn't have a problem with any of the minutes. She will be back soon.

**Motion** to approve November 8 minutes by Nick Sanchez

**Vote** 8 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

**Motion** to approve November 15 minutes

**Vote** 8 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

**Motion** to approve November 22 minutes

**Vote** 9 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

**Motion** to approve as corrected the November 29 minutes

**Vote** 7 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstain

**Other business**

Laurie reported that we will be having a joint meeting with the BoS and Chris Petrini on 12/13/05. Mr. Petrini will join our meeting after and answer any questions we have.

Chair Berman will have his report ready for town meeting tomorrow night.

Nick suggested that we approve Bob's report just to be safe so he feels that we are behind him.

Jim moved that we authorize Bob to give his report to Town Meeting

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

Jim reported that he might be late for some meetings on Tuesday due to traveling from a far.

**Education Report**

Wes said that he emailed the three updated reports just before this meeting.

We should work on this at the next opportunity

**Property and Income**

Laurie asked if everyone got the email regarding the costs for using the Warren Group.

She said that it is a monthly service so the P&I group wants to be very prepared so when the group signs up they can complete everything in a month. She said the group thinks they can get by with the \$125 subscription. She continued that it is not as simple as everyone had hoped. We cannot just give them a list of addresses and ask someone to find all the information. We have to find the most cost effective way to do numerous searches. We can do proximity searches but the smallest distance is .5 mile. The P&I group is working on a strategy to best use the Warren information and will send something out to the group. Laurie commented about some of the difficulties that were previously pointed out by John: neighboring properties will not necessarily sell during the times we are studying and the neighboring properties might have undergone extensive change of use or structure. Ultimately the work group wants to use it during January. The P&I group will also get some training via phone from the Warren people. Several people recommended the \$250 package, although Laurie thought we could do it with 150.

Jim Palmer raised some questions about what exactly the Warren information for towns is giving us. How will we answer the question about how social service agencies affects individual properties abutting and neighboring them?

Nick explained that it is the median value of all properties sold. However, we can also get information about the values of individual properties and in this way we can gather information and try to address that question.

Jim asked: How can we draw any conclusions about the affect on property values by SSA's in varying communities?

Nick reiterated that the P&I group has many times discussed the issue of statistical analysis to do this and the need for controls to do such analysis, But since the group does not want to do that all we can do is take a look at all the data and based upon the data reach some conclusions.

Jim asked if we can ask the Warren group to answer what we are looking for .

The P&I group did not think so.

Dawn Harkness if the assessor's office could give us assessments over time?

Laurie said she has already contacted them and anyone who wants to help dig out the old books from the Danforth building should meet at the Memorial Building in the Treasure's office (Dennis O'Neill) tomorrow at 2:30 PM.

The group discussed the difficulty of basing the study on sale price for a lack of complete information.

Dawn said that all properties have been assessed.

The P&I group agreed with her and said thought using the assessed process might be the best idea for the individual property study.

Jim Palmer wondered if we were asking the right questions of the assessor. We need to find some common ground between our community and all other ones. Property value % doesn't mean anything to him. The only thing that he sees is assessed valuation, and that every assessor has to use the same determinants when evaluating a property.

Laurie said that she looked in to that and in an ideal world that would be great. Massachusetts does require full assessments every three years, and updates every year.

The problems are that some communities might have variations in approach and be in a different point in the cycle. She will get more details

Nick said that what will be important is not the absolute value but the rank. If that is consistent over different measurements it averages out any imperfections.

Jim asked what would happen to the value of a home on Elm Street if it were moved to Warren Road? What if it got moved to Wayland? Would it increase in value or decrease?

Something in there changes that value and he doesn't know what it is.

Nick agreed with him but said that the approach we are taking is over time, not place.

He said that the absolute value of prices will be different. And that is why we look at % changes. What happens over time is not clear that should be as much impacted as the absolute values. For example, Sherborn with high values, has low growth. So something is going on to prevent growth of prices.

Some suggested by design.

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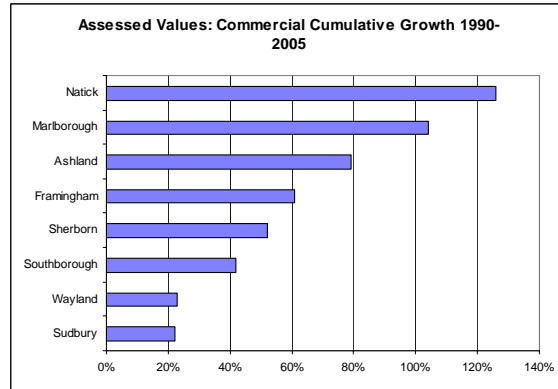
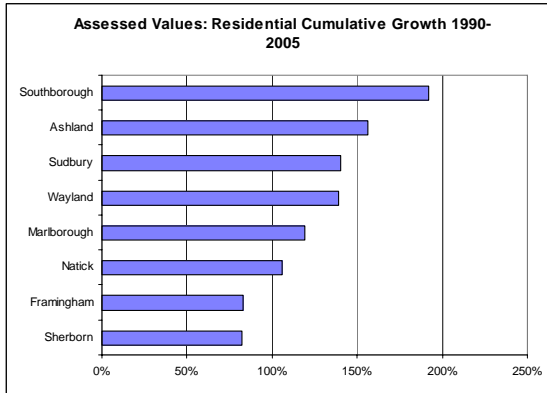
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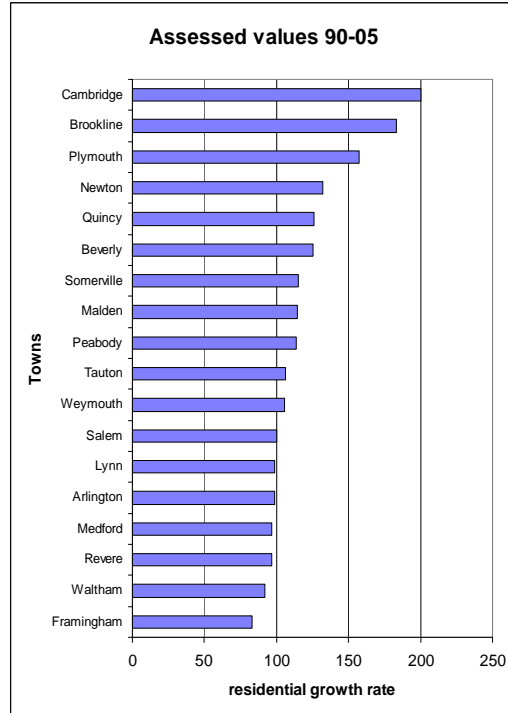
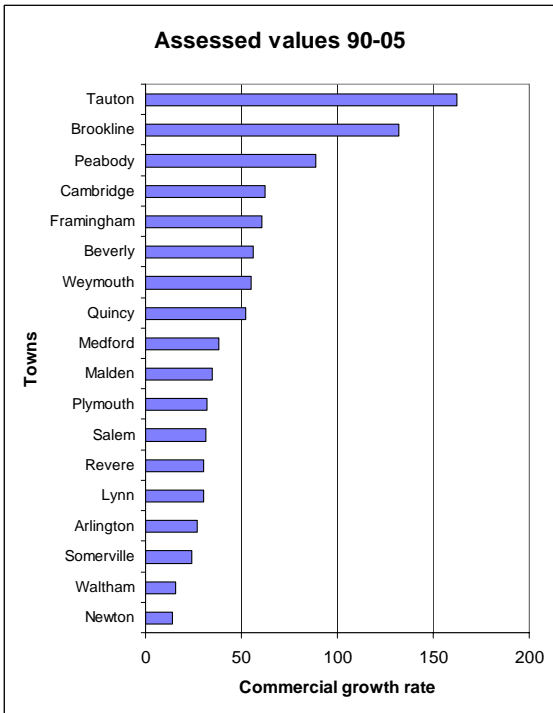
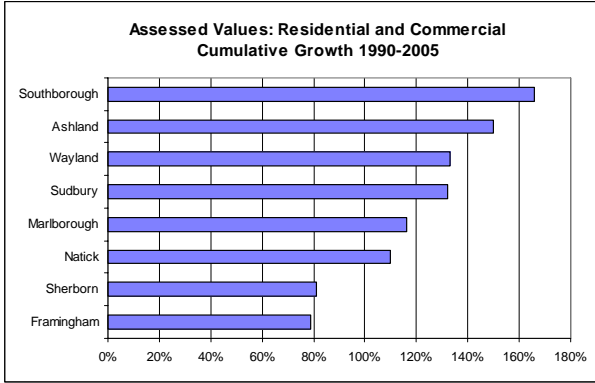
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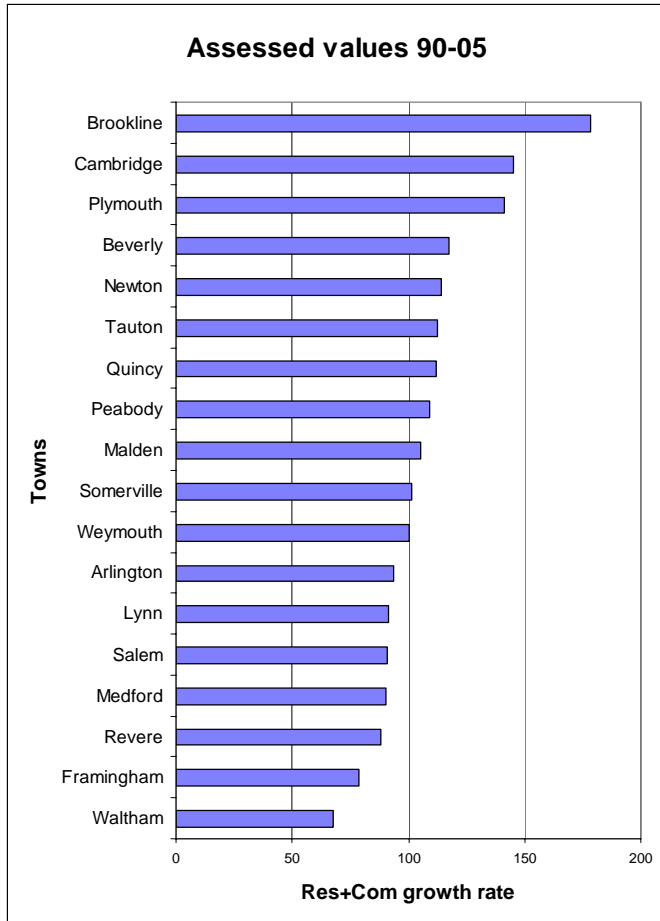
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Nick moved on to an issue that Bob brought up last week. Bob asked how the Warren data compared to the assessor’s data. He also asked how the residential data compared to the commercial data.

Nick passed out the data for these.







Nick reiterated that this is official data. In terms of residential property growth Framingham does not rank very high but does in terms of commercial growth over time.

Yaakov asked Nick to explain what he means by growth.

Nick said that growth over time. For example if you are 5 feet tall when you are 10 and 6 feet tall when you are 20, the growth from 5 ft to 6 ft.

Yaakov asked if this is overall change in property values over time.

Nick said yes.

Nick commented that he was not sure what the graph combining residential and commercial really indicates but since it was asked he has done it.

Nick commented that what he learned from doing these graphs is that it was very expensive to do. He said that Laurie, the clerk, has given us a lot of handouts and materials and that we should authorize Laurie to purchase a cartridge for her computer. He said that she has saved us tons of money printing everything at home.

**Motion to reimburse the clerk, Laurie, for expenses due to printing handouts for the committee.**

**Vote: 7 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain**

The discussion about the meaning of property growth continued. There were some questions about accounting for new home growth and availability of land in each

community for development. It was also pointed out that in the larger group of communities many of the ones we are studying are similar in maturity and development to Framingham. Peabody, Taunton, Lynn, Waltham, Salem, Medford, Revere..

It is not like we are only comparing ourselves to Sherborn or Southborough. We are comparing ourselves to many similar communities.

Wes said " You guys have really turned yourselves around"

Laurie said "We haven't changed"

Jim said that he spent time looking at the assessor list. Some of the information is old. There are some big years for buying property, such as 1992. What exactly is done when a property gets assessed? Does it matter what zone you are in?

Laurie said that assessments are based on sale prices of homes during the year they are doing the work. So as Nick said, they use the sale price of a home on your street or similar to get the value.

Jim asked what would the house be worth if it were moved to a different neighborhood.

Lloyd Kay from the audience said that any improvement on any property will make it a different value. If it is on a different piece of land it will be different. Even on the same street.

He suggested get an appraisal form. The Fannie Mae form. Everybody has to follow these. They list many things that affect the price of the home.

Assessments are usually done by kids during the summer. Appraisers are professionals. Mr. Kay also said that in many states the formulas for assessment are different in different towns.

You need to find out if the formula for assessment here is 100%. In addition, he said that you will find a difference between the assessment and the sale price that comes up. He said it is only a snapshot.

Nick agreed and said exactly. That is the point he has been trying to make He said this data is raw data: what we are finding out from the assessors data, the Warren Group and his initial findings from the census is that Framingham is consistently at the bottom no matter how you look at it.

Mr. Kay from the audience asked how that relates to what this committee is doing? The non profits have nothing to do with that. He said there is not an appraisal written that says this property is worth less because it is sitting next to a non profit. Just because it is not there means it is not weighted on the value of the property.

Nick said that the burden of proof falls on the people who argue with the data when the data is showing something consistently. He said he does not trust the absolute values as comparisons but when we look at growth rates and see the trend is consistent that Framingham is at the bottom, it is reliable. Notice that in commercial values Framingham is not at the bottom but doing well.

Wes thought we should have a more thorough conversation about this once the Warren data is here. He thought Mr. Kay said something interesting: there is no link whatsoever

to social services. We are presenting the data and saying you all make your own conclusions.

Jim Palmer said that he compiled a list of values from the assessor's office for the properties on our list of SSA's. He said the list is incomplete because it does not answer the questions:

- What is the value of the adjacent properties
- What are the values of the neighboring properties, where we define a neighborhood

He urged that the group determine the neighboring properties and their values when they last sold and how they changed over time. That would be valuable data. We could also use the assessed values and compare ourselves to other communities.

Yaakov asked if this isn't what the P&I group is saying they are doing.

Nick confirmed this. He said what the group has said is that we are using the assessed values, and we have all discussed the problems with those, and we have to use the sale prices. There are two pieces of evidence. We have said that we are going to be doing this.

Jim followed up to see if we can look into if there is any way for a bank mortgage appraiser who does this type of thing? Those are the people who decide what the properties are worth. They make the loans for them. They won't give you more money than what they think the property is worth.

The group said they are investigating appraisers and appraisals.

Cynthia commented that the ultimate question of value is what does the house sell for; and, how does this change over time.

Jim commented that he could put his house on the market for any value but it might not sell.

Wes said that he is just accepting that there is no way to tie this information from the Warren group to our mission: there is no way to tie these values to SSA sties. To effectively do that we need controls.

Nick said to Wes that you guys have been denying the P&I group controls from day 1.

Dawn answered to that saying that is because they are not part of what we are doing. Wes agreed: that it is not what we are supposed to do.

Wes thought the best thing to do is to accept this as unknowns. Because we need the controls to do this study, which you said you don't have, we cannot answer these questions decisively.

Nick disagreed in the following sense. He has said ranks will give decisive information. When you are talking about ranks, you can accept errors in data of say 10%, 15%; the ranks are not going to shift from being on the bottom to being on the top because of it. Especially if this is a trend confirmed from many accepted sources of information.

Wes said he was talking about something more fundamental. He thought the burden of proof is on the P&I group: is this data that you are collecting from the Warren group

going to be tied to SSA's. The burden of proof falls on you to prove that it is connected, rather than him (Wes) saying it is not.

Nick commented that he is not going to say it is connected or disconnected. He is going to say what you have allowed us to say: here is the data. We will then have interpretations from the committee as to what we think the data says. The strongest statistical tests are rank tests. Moving ranks is very difficult.

Nick continued: Now you are telling me the Warren data is not good. But here we have the Warren data showing us the rank and then we have the assessor data showing the rank and we will be getting the census data. If those three (3) pieces of data give you the same ranking, I would feel very comfortable saying that we have a very serious problem with residential values in Framingham.

Dawn said the committee can not talk about what our residential values are other than to say how do SSA's impact them. There are other things impacting those property values. They are irrelevant to us. We are just asked 'how do SSA impact Framingham?' You want to study property values and say they are low and it must be the SSA's fault, what our mission is, is the exact opposite. Our mission is, what is the direct impact of SSA's on Framingham?

This data does not have a clear correlation so we can't use it.

Nick disagreed. He reiterated that we are just presenting the data in light of the other information the group is compiling. Nick said that he thinks Dawn's concern might be that when people in the town see what has happened to property values here they will be pretty upset and assume it is SSA's.

Nick said he is personally not willing to say that the information about our property values is due to SSA's. But they (Dawn and Wes) will not allow the P&I group to look at other issues affecting them..

Dawn asked the chair if her motives were being questioned.

Yaakov didn't think so.

She responded to the charge that she is afraid, that in some way, what they are coming up with, will lead people of the town to blame the SSA's for the situation with property values. She is concerned that we are creating data that she has seen in other websites, in other places, which blames the SSAs without making a direct connection.

She thought we were trying to avoid those fear tactics and come up with solid evidence.

She wanted to recommend that after looking at the map and the reports of the P&I group, that the way (although it might be difficult) we were going to look at comparing Framingham to other towns, we should consider taking a sample from different areas of the community of where SSA's are placed. There are some on the North side, some in the middle, south.. How are the properties around these sites affected? Take a sampling of the properties and analyze them that way.

She would rather do a smaller sample and have it be clearly related to SSA's.

Yaakov asked the same question as before: isn't that what they say they are doing?

Laurie said that the P&I group is doing it all. No one is trying to make any conclusions here. We are just presenting facts to date. We are working on the next problem and will bring that data in when we have it.

People seem to be jumping to conclusions and it isn't us(the P&I group)

Wes said that he didn't care if the data says that the values around SSA's have gone down or up: whatever it says is going to be completely invalid. He thinks the burden of proof falls on the P&I group to show how the methods you are using can tie into the SSA's.

Nick commented that he has said from the very beginning that unless we conduct statistical tests, random samples and controls, you cannot do that. He told Wes, you cannot have it both ways. Nick added that Wes has been against the introduction of controls.

Wes said , so why are you willing to pursue this; it isn't going to be valid.

Nick said No. It will be valid. It will provide information as to what is happening in Framingham. Contrary to what many people think, Nick does not think it is as simple as saying it is the SSA's. It is a much more complex issue that is going on. But without the proper controls we cannot do a complete study. This is what we have been told to do.

Dawn said her position has been misstated.

She said that she thinks that if we study the values of what happens when a SSA moves into a neighborhood; what happens to the SSA property and neighboring properties, she has no problem. She has said that all along.

She is concerned about trying to determine all the other factors because that is not what we are about. Even Nick said that he is not saying it is due to SSA's, per se; but we are not supposed to be studying everything else.

Dawn said that she agrees with Wes that the burden of proof is on the P&I group to show that the way they are collecting data will draw a clear line to SSA's property and impact.

If you can't do that you can't use it.

Jim passed out the assessed valuations for the non taxed properties and their last sale price. He said that he hopes the committee will look at some of that and see what is happening.

His other problem is that this data here(the P&I) is telling a story. The story is , the assessed values in Framingham have grown at a lesser rate than all the other communities, between 1990-2005. For residential.

In no way can he relate to that because of all the things that comprise it: crime rate, schools, fire, funding...

He said our charge is to look strictly at the affect of SSA's on this growth. Is it affecting it. How does tie that in.

Nick said there is a way: consider all considerable controls and put it into a computer program that does statistical analysis and the program shows what is related and what not: i.e. this is related to SSA's this is related to crime, this is related to school quality, this is related to Pop growth etc.

Nick reiterated that from the very beginning he has said that in order to do such a study we need random samples and controls. The P&I committee has been denied controls repeatedly and we do not have random samples.

Jim asked what are the related controls?

Nick said the way it works is you put many sets of data into the program and it tells you what is related. It is not a personal or subjective opinion. You put everything you know into the statistical analysis program and the program determines what is correlated.

Jim said that the only part of the statistical analysis that our group is interested in is the SSA's. All the rest could be thrown out

Nick said that if you don't have those other controls the Statistical analysis is not valid.

Wes said so what you are doing is invalid.

Nick said No. What we are doing is what we have been asked to do. You are the ones who said we cannot do the controls.

Dawn said that is another study; in fact we are looking at crime. But we are not looking at how crime affects property values. All we want to know is how do SSA's affect property values.

Cynthia said, the issue of crime is to use it as a control

Dawn said that is beyond the scope of the study to talk about property values; the only thing the study cares about is SSA's.

Cynthia said if it is not SSA's what is it?

Dawn said "we don't care". We don't care. It is not what we are studying.

Cynthia added that it would be helpful to rule other things out....

Dawn reiterated that No. She said she knows we want to because clearly property values are going down and it would be great if it can be blamed on SSA's. But that is not the reality. We are not studying property values as a broad subject; only narrowly. How do they impact Framingham.

Laurie said that she thinks this conversation is premature. First, we are asked to look at how do we compare to other communities and how do we compare to ourselves over time. One of the questions was in terms of property values. This is all this is.

Wes wanted to look at the brainstorm.

Laurie pointed out a few problems with the prices listed for the sites. She explained that she didn't bring in the list of prices yet and that some of these are not using the complete building and some had errors.

Dawn asked how does the last sale price relate to the assessed value.

Jim said that is what the assessor's office has listed as the last sale price.

Dawn said that the assessed value is the current assessed value.

Jim said yes, this is the current values on the books.

When you look at the value of property, there are spaces rented.

Dawn said that the existence of a SSA could have an impact, rented or owned. And that impact would be seen in the assessed value. She doesn't know what the impact is but it will be seen in the assessed data. She said she liked Jim's data.

Cynthia said that impact could vary depending on how it relates to the neighborhood it is in.

Jim said that is not what we are hearing tonight, He said a piece of property has a value. It doesn't matter where it sites.

Wes asked to make a clarification. His biggest concern is that when something comes from the PILOT committee it comes with the assumption that it has something to do with SSA's. If we make part of our document this research from the Warren group public

Nick interrupted to clarify that the data in front of them is assessed values.

Wes said he is not talking about the assessed values.

He was referring only to the Warren data. If we make it public and we don't have the controls people will read the data and make massive assumptions that it is tied to SSA's because we are presenting it.

Yaakov thought that concern is premature. He doesn't see how we can be concerned about other people making conclusions. We have not yet made our own conclusions and when we do , they will be in the report. This attitude will entirely paralyze the committee.

Wes said he misunderstood him.

Dawn asked to make a point by example. When we are studying the police information. If we made the assumption that there is more crime in the downtown area, which the police are saying there is not, people will have a basic fear. There is an assumption that there is so much crime downtown because of SSA's. That is fear based. If we make a graph and show high crime in front of store 24, people will leap to the conclusion that it is SSA's clients fault. What public safety has done is to actually ask information about the specific SSA addresses: together information that is address specific and property specific. Dawn said that she is requesting the same from the P&I group.

Yaakov thought it was reasonable to expect that the P&I group to be aware of this concern. He certainly does not jump to that conclusion for any information he sees regarding crime etc.

Dawn commented that speaks highly for him. However, she said there are many websites in town making such conclusions to support their political agenda. She wants anything that comes out of this committee to be clear and not usable by any website inappropriately against social service agencies.

Yaakov interjected that different people will have different interpretations.

Dawn added that if it comes from this committee it has to be directly linked to SSA's and their impact on the town.

Wes agreed and added that is why this discussion is important to have now. We have to control everything. If we are just producing documents for everybody to read what does that say about the committee, and the legitimacy of what we are putting out?

Jim asked: if you are doing an academic study and put out a hypothesis that SSA's were leading to a decrease in property growth in the town, what would you use for controls?

Nick said everything that you can conceive of that might have an impact on property values. If the data sample is large enough, the data will tell you that there will be some variables that correlate and some that don't. That is why Nick has emphasized that he didn't want to know anything about the other communities we chose. He wanted this to be as unbiased as possible. Nick said that to be honest, he was personally surprised as to how poorly Framingham has done. Nick re-emphasized that as an academician, he wants to know nothing in advance to bias what he is studying.

Jim followed up: Your duty as a researcher is to get an answer to that hypothesis.

Nick disagreed. It is to deny that the hypothesis is valid. Every hypothesis, unless it is denied by the data is considered to be valid. In statistical analysis you take a hypothesis and then the hypothesis is rejected. It is not confirmed.

Jim said: so if the hypothesis is not rejected it is valid

He said what he is saying : you can talk about crime, education, population... controls

If it still comes back and it says it is valid, the hypothesis is not rejected, you have to go along with it.

Nick agreed.

Statistical analysis is about rejection of data. Rejection of hypothesis.

Lloyd Kay from the audience said it is not that gray. It is black and white. Property values are based on something. They are based on those things that the appraiser has used. Exactly. It is not a theory. It is exactly how the appraiser appraises. That is what every underwriter bases their decisions on. You should get the appraisal forms, a residential one. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mack approved, are the standards.

Cynthia said that she thought the appraisals may be valid but there is still things making an impact on those appraisals

Mr. Kay said we need to get the appraisals to see if this information has meaning.

He added that he could bring in fifteen underwriters and show this information is meaningless. The values in Framingham could be affected by a million things that other things( inaudible)

Mr. Kay suggested that the committee make a motion to get a copy of an appraisal from any website and see for yourselves..

Cynthia said that as a member of the P&I committee she is in process of doing that.

Mr. Kay said look at the forms and see how appraiser decide. If you can find one that says this particular building has two ( inaudible) and that is why they take \$25,000 off it, show him because he has never seen it.

Nick asked Mr. Kay, if in the past , have appraisal's asked questions relating to blacks or other minorities? He explained that people have made decisions about purchasing properties because of these factors..

Mr. Kay said that if that is the hypothesis he is going to use he will get in front of the committee to disvalue what Nick has been saying. He thought that was insane.

Yaakov interjected that Nick's point is that there have been many unstated elements that go into property values.

Mr. Kay said that is not true.

Nick said that of course it is true.

Jim asked if we could wait to see an appraisal to discuss this.

Yaakov added that it might be interesting to have appraisers come talk to us.

We suggested we do an appraiser survey.

Nick commented: that is what we tried to do.

Dawn said, that was soundly rejected for good reasons.

Dawn asked if she could report on the subject of videotaping.

Ron Rego of gov't access cannot supply the equipment or people because of the evening (Tuesday) Also, unless gov't access crews do the videotaping he cannot put it on gov't access television. As citizens we can ask RCN and Comcast to show it. Dawn said she and Lloyd have gone through Comcast training to do videotaping. Norma Schulman will also help, but thought the room was too small. We have only one volunteer a night.

Ron did not think it would be possible to put these on streaming video.

She is still working on it.

She wanted to know that the tapes would be covered by our budget. She can get used VHS tapes to distribute copies. It might be a one angle shot but we will get a good clear audio. Dawn added that it will relieve Laurie of the responsibility of the detailed minutes.

Laurie commented that she wanted to clarify that she will still be doing thorough minutes. Certainly to fulfill her requirements and responsibilities .

Yaakov suggested we make a motion to proceed. Dawn moved that we start videotaping as soon as possible.

Laurie asked about the copies that Dawn talked about. She was also concerned that because these will be part of the public record of the meetings, she as clerk is responsible for keeping the original videotapes.

Dawn said she hopes to get the meeting downloaded to the town website.

**Yaakov moved that we proceed with the videotaping**

**Dawn seconded**

**Vote: 7 in favor 2 opposed 0 abstain**

There was some discussion about the possibility that some people are uncomfortable in front of the camera.

Dawn said that as we learned last week, this is an open meeting and anyone can take a picture of what we are doing including working papers. Anyone can come in and video us and at some point we have to just accept that and be adult about it.

Nick said he has no problem being videotaping.

**Dawn moved that the committee pay for the tapes**

**Second**

**Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstain**

Dawn asked if there was a report from the police department meeting.

Laurie reported that Chief Carl will send his recently compiled reports that the department made. Laurie will be picking up the last few years of annual reports. We can go through this information to gather the necessary data as best we can.

He also gave us the name of a contact person for programs within the department.

Bob and she were also hoping to have the Chief visit the committee after we go through the information. The department is working on the information for the addresses.

Dawn said she will wait to comment and see what turns up.

Jim thought this is a valid way to think. He thought we were very critical of the SSA's not answering the questions.

Inaudible

Laurie re-explained that Chief Carl felt that most of the information asked was in the detailed reports he has done and that as a first step we should go through these.

The idea is that the Public Safety committee will go through this information and see what we can use. The chief did a lot with comparisons to other communities as well. We can follow up after. Then we could have him come to the committee.

Nick thought we needed to start schedule speakers.

Laurie spoke to that. She has spoken to Bob and they are going to work on this together.

She is looking at January and would like to have Thursday as another day for speakers to choose from.

She also suggested that we meet on 12/20.

The group agreed.

**Nick made a motion that it is a priority of this committee to start having people come in and speak**

**Second**

**Vote: 4 in favor 3 against 2 abstain**

Jim proposed that we go Tuesday's and Thursday's. There was much discussion about this.

Laurie suggested we use those days for scheduling as needed as we already agreed.

Laurie said she understood we should start the scheduling for January. The group said fine.

Yaakov wanted to bring up something personal. He addressed Nick and said that a while ago he had made a terrible outburst directed towards Nick and he apologizes to the committee and to Nick.

Nick thanked Yaakov and said that he understood it as being a friend.

**Motion to adjourn**

**Second**

**9 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain**

Laurie Lee

Clerk